THE FIG LEAF Fig Garden Woman's Club Newsletter Established in 1921



Important Dates & Events

General Lunch Meeting - September 10, 11:30 a.m.

Movie Review - September 12, 10 a.m.

Knitting & Needles - September 15, 10 a.m.

Tea Time - September 17, 10 a.m.

Fresno Art Museum Private Tour - September 18, 10 a.m.

Book Talk - September 18, 10 a.m.

Tea Time - August 20, 10 a.m.

Trash to Treasure Drop-off - September 19, 9-11 a.m.

Out to Lunch Bunch Bruch- September 21, 10 a.m.

District Meeting - September 25, 9:30 a.m.

Federation Day of Service - September 27, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fig Leaf Deadline - September 30





President: Desiree Ward

1st Vice President: Debbie Reuland2nd Vice President: Suzy Wren

3rd Vice President: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Singer

Corresponding Secretary: Tamara Hargrave

Treasurer: Susan Simpson

Assistant Treasurer: Linda Gandolfo

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District Representative: Karen Tozlian

Fig Leaf Editor: Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

President's Message

Desiree Ward

Dear Members.

Welcome to another exciting year at the Fig Garden Woman's Club! I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the spirit of community, friendship, and service that makes our club so special.

This year, we will embrace the theme:



"Gifts of Service: Inspiring Acts of Kindness and Community"

It's kindness that unlocks connections, strengthens our projects, and builds the lasting bonds of fellowship that make this club so special.

Our board of trustees have been busy planning ways for all of us to be involved—whether it's supporting our fundraisers, helping with impactful community service opportunities, or simply enjoying time together at the clubhouse.

I would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who has worked through the summer to prepare for the year ahead, especially the ladies mentioned on the following page who are a precious gift to our club.

We have an exciting calendar planned. Our luncheon programs will bring a wonderful mix of educational, entertaining, and relevant topics. I hope you will find each gathering both enriching and enjoyable.

I encourage each of you to make the most of your membership this year —whether through volunteering, attending luncheons, or reaching out with a kind word to a fellow member. The friendships we nurture here are as meaningful as the work we do together.

I appreciate your support and enthusiasm, I know we are heading into a great year.

Desiree Ward
President

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others."

-Plato



She's a Precious Gift to our Club

Special thanks to everyone who worked through the summer to prepare for the new year. Especially. .

- **Lillian Weiland** prepared the content for our handbook and secured advertisements, supported by **Pam Vogel** and her excellent team of proofreaders. **Cindy Shipstead** also played a key role in soliciting ads, which not only covered the cost of printing but exceeded expectations.
- **Sue Stephens** treated the *Out to Lunch Bunch* to a summer filled with fun meals and fellowship. She'll wrap it all up in style with a grand finale brunch at Fort Washington Country Club on Sunday, September 21st. What a wonderful way to end the season!
- **Susan Simpson's** work as Treasurer reaches far beyond what most of us can imagine. Her dedication to keeping our financial foundation strong allows us to dream, plan, and serve with confidence.
- Nancee Smith, chair of our Maker's Market Craft Fair and true 'Vendor Whisperer.' Thanks to her energy and outreach, every vendor space was sold out before we even held our first meeting of the year. We're looking forward to a fabulous market!
- **Kim Garcia** & **Ellen Vietti** and the Trash to Treasure team who worked in the summer heat to fill the pod so we can support our philanthropic efforts.
- **Annie Anderson.** If you received an e-blast (or nine) over the summer, it came to you via the magic of the World Wide Web all the way from Scotland. Yes, even while she was on vacation in Scotland she took time out to keep us connected.
- **Barb Moen:** While many of us enjoyed a slower summer, Barb kept our social media fresh and fun—keeping members and friends connected and up to date. We're so grateful for the time and heart she puts into sharing our story.
- Martha Stewart and the Preservation & Planning Team and designer and project manager Joyce Gaskins, worked to oversee the coffee room renovation, which spilled out into every room of the clubhouse, making it more beautiful and welcoming for all members.
- **Suzanne Crosina-Sahm** welcomed our newest members with a warm and lovely orientation and planned a year of engaging activities designed to help them feel at home in our club.
- Irene Wiegand & Jennifer Huelskamp oversaw every detail of clubhouse maintenance and repairs—and with a house as old as ours, there are many. Thanks to their dedication, there was no summer break for them.
- Last, but certainly not least, **Debbie Reuland**. As Dean of Chairs, her role extends beyond distributing procedure books. Debbie has been on call for me, day and night, since I accepted this position. She has provided thoughtful insight and fostered organizational efficiency at every level of our work. I truly can't imagine a more capable or trusted partner to walk beside me in this endeavor.



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by 2024-2025 President Kim Gould at 9:34 a.m.

Vice President: First Vice President Debbie Reuland thanked Christine Monahan for providing the snacks for the meeting.

Minutes: Recording Secretary Charlotte Zylka Singer informed those present that the minutes from the April 7, 2025 Board Meeting had been published in the May Fig Leaf. There were no additions or corrections. Member Joyce Gaskins made a motion to approve the minutes as published, and the motion was seconded by Member KarenTozlian. The motion was voted on, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the Club's B of A checking account, as of May 31, 2025, had a balance of \$51,517.64 and the investment accounts had a balance of \$144,292.24 for a total of \$195,809.88. Income for May 2025 was \$7,118 and expenses were \$37,984.93 for a negative balance of \$30,866.93. Susan further reported that the expenses included \$12,000 in nursing scholarships, and 167 members paid dues totalling \$41,750.

Corresponding Secretary: Corresponding Secretary Joyce Gaskins informed those present that she had delivered the mail to Treasurer Susan Simpson and a lot of the mail included members' dues.

President's Report: President Kim Gould thanked the 2024-2025 executive board, committee chairs, and all the members who made the 2024-2025 year a success. Kim also thanked her mentors Teresa Kirkorian, Maureen Boyle, and Janelle Dunn. With a heavy heart, Kim announced that longtime Member Mary Vaughan had passed away. There was a time for quiet reflection to remember Mary's kindness and her many contributions to the Club. A memorial for Mary will be held in the future and her family has requested that it is be held at the clubhouse. Details will follow. Kim reminded members that the Marathon Bridge Award Luncheon will be held this Thursday, June 5, 2025 and many sections will continue to get together over the summer.

Membership: Member Riley Gould reported for Third Vice President Dena Reynolds saying that the waiting list will be posted soon. Those members who did not pay their dues by the May 31, 2025 deadline may apply to be reinstated and pay an extra \$100.00 reinstatement fee and may be placed on the waiting list.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Amenities: Co-Chair Kim Garcia informed those present that the committee made three telephone calls and sent one get well, two condolence, and 11 birthday cards.

Social Media: Member Riley Gould reported for Chair Barb Moen that, as of April 30, 2025, Facebook Likes were 782 (up two), Facebook Followers are 1,229 (up four), Instagram Followers are 480 (up nine), and Website Member Resources are 88 (up one).



Federation: Chair Karen Tozlian said there was no report.

WAYS AND MEANS:

Philharmonic Performance: Member Riley Gould reported for Member Liz Looney and said that the concert was wonderful. Riley added that the Fig Garden Woman's Club was acknowledged for their contributions to the Philharmonic at the end of the concert and will be listed as a donor on their website.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Garden Party: Member Riley Gould reported for Co-Chairs Kim Gould and Patty Cortez and said that it was a fun event.

SECTIONS:

Book Talk: Chair Margaret Nordstrom said that the section meets the third Thursday of the month and will meet all summer long.

Health and Wellness: Chair Riley Gould recapped the section's 2024-2025 meeting topics and said that she has the notes from the presentations. The section will not be meeting this summer.

Knitting and Needles: Chair Vanda McArthur reported that the section meets all summer and suggested members bring ideas for projects to possibly work on for the Club's Fall Maker's Market booth.

Movie Review: Member Annie Anderson reported for Chair Becky Morlock that the section meets all summer and will be reviewing "Fruitvale Station" Friday, June 5, 2025 and reviewing "Fruitvale Station."

Tea Time: Co-Chair Kim Gould informed those present that the section will be meeting Wednesday, June 18 at 10 a.m. and will continue to meet during the summer. Kim encouraged members to come and bring their tea cups, tea recipes, and books about tea.

Out to Lunch Bunch: Member Donna Strickler reported for Chair Sue Stephens that the lunch will not be at the Elbow Room on June 13 but will instead be held at Ovidio's on Wednesday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m.

2025-2026 President's Report: 2024-2025 President Kim Gould then turned the meeting over to 2025-2026 President Desiree Ward. Desiree thanked Kim and the outgoing executive board and announced the theme for the new year which is "Gifts of Service: Inspiring Acts of Kindness and Community." Desiree thanked Member Annie Anderson for her hard work and reported that the annual placement survey had been closed. Desiree reported that Oktoberfest was included in the placement survey and had received members' interest in working the event. Desiree also said that Bubbles & Bingo will be held in February 2026 with a date to be announced. Expect an E-Blast soliciting interest in working on the committee. Desiree informed those present that she would like there to be a committee to organize single days of community service and incorporate Valentine Card Making and Bullard's Closet. Member Libby Borchardt has indicated that she is willing to chair the committee. Ideas for these activities are being sought. Desiree then made a motion which was



seconded by Member Lillian Weiland. The motion was "I, Desiree Ward, move that a community service committee be established to research, plan, and execute single-day community service projects on behalf of the club. I further move that the responsibility for facilitating the annual Valentine Card Making Party and Bullard Closet committees be transferred to the Community Service Committee and those be discontinued as stand alone committees." After discussion, the motion was voted on and approved. The proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 year was then discussed.

2025-2026 CALENDAR:

June 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025, Joint Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 5, 2025, Marathon Bridge Award Luncheon, 1 p.m.

Monday, June 9, 2025, Budget meeting, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Out to Lunch Bunch, Ovidio's, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 13, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, June 16, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 19, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, Out to Lunch Bunch, Max's Bistro, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 30, 2025, Fig Leaf deadline

July 2025

Friday, July 11, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, July 14, 2025, Out to Lunch Bunch, Red Lobster, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, July 17, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Monday, July 21, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 30, 2025, Out to Lunch Bunch, PF Chang's, 11:30 a.m.

August 2025

Thursday, August 7, 2025, Handbook Ad deadline and last day to order an extra handbook

Friday, August 8, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, August 18, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 21, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Monday, August 25, 2025, Social, 9:00 a.m. and Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 31, 2025, Fig Leaf deadline

September 2025

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, September 4, 2025, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.



Friday, September 12, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, September 15, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, September 18, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m. and free docent led tour of the Fresno Art Museum, 10 a.m.

Saturday, September 27, 2025, GFWC National Day of Service

Tuesday, September 30, 2025, Fig Leaf deadline

October 2025

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 2, 2025, Marathon Bridge, 1: pm.

Monday, October 6, 2025, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 10, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Saturday, October 11, 2025, Maker's Market

Monday, October 13, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Get Acquainted Coffee, Teresa Kirkorian's home

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 16, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Saturday, October 18, 2025, Empty Trash to Treasure shed

Monday-Friday, October 20-24, 2025, Trash to Treasure set up, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday, October 27-29, 2025, Trash to Treasure set up, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, Fig Leaf deadline

Thursday, October 30, 2025, Trash to Treasure Pre Sale Party

Friday-Saturday, October 31 and November 1, 2025, Trash to Treasure Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 2025

Monday, November 3, 2025, Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, November 6, 2025, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, November 14, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, November 17, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Harvest Cocktail Party, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 30, 2025, Fig Leaf deadline

December 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 4, 2025, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 6, 2025, Santa's House, 10 a.m. to Noon



Monday and Tuesday, December 8-9, 2025, Christmas Table set up

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 11, 2025, Christmas Gala, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12, 2025, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, December 15, 2025, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 18, 2025, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 2025, Fig Leaf deadline

If there is a Christmas Tree Lane Walk Night, the date will be announced.

January 2026

Monday, January 5, 2026, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, January 8, 2026, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 15, 2026, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Monday, January 19, 2026, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, January 22, 2026, Card Party, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 31, 2026, Fig Leaf Deadline

February 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 5, 2026, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Valentine Card Making

Wednesday, February, 11, 2026, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, February 13, 2026, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 13, 2026, Valentine Cocktail Party

Monday, February 16, 2026, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, Get Acquainted Coffee, Lillian Weiland's home

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 19, 2026, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 20, 2026, Bubbles and Bingo

Saturday, February 28, 2026, Fig Leaf deadline

If there is a Fashion Show, the date will be announced.

March 2026

Sunday, March 1, 2026, early payment of Club dues \$250.00

Monday, March 2, 2026, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.



Thursday, March 5, 2026, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 2026, FGWC's 105th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, General Luncheon Meeting, 1 p.m.

Friday, March 13, 2026, Movie Review, 1 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 2026, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 and 18, 2026, Antique Show set up

Thursday, March 19, 2026, Antique Show Pre Party

Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, 2026, Antique Show/Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 22, 2026, Antique Show Sale 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 26, 2026, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, Fig Leaf deadline

April 2026

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 2026, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Monday, April 6, 2026, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8 2026, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, April 10, 2026, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2026, Book Review, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 20 2026, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21, 2026, Art and Flower Show set up, 9 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, Art and Flower Show, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, 2026, Fig Leaf Deadline

May 2026

Monday, May 4, 2026, Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 7, 2026, Marathon Bridge, 1 p.m.

Friday, May 8, 2026, Movie Review, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, General Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 18, 2026, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Tea Time, 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 21, 2026, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 31, 2026, Fig Leaf Deadline and last day to pay club dues

June 2026

Monday, June 1, 2026, Joint Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, Health and Wellness, 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 4, 2026, Marathon Bridge, 1:00 p.m.



Friday, June 12, 2026, Movie Review, 10 am. Monday, June 15, 2026, Knitting and Needles, 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, Tea Time, 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2026, Book Talk, 10 a.m.

There was much discussion regarding changing the name of Trash to Treasure and its date falling on Halloween. Ultimately, it was decided to leave it as scheduled. It was also decided that given the cost of changing its name that the event will remain "Trash to Treasure," and that club members need to be educated about donating "gently used" items to the sale. Dates and the name of the event can be discussed next year. There was then much discussion about the feasibility of holding the Fashion Show. Members JJ Krivochiev and Shirley Zaver volunteered to co-chair the event. A date is to be announced.

New Business/30 Second Announcements:

Member Lillian Weiland announced that her husband has been asked to join the United States Supreme Court.

Member Riley Gould was congratulated on earning her Masters degree.

Member Suzanne Crosina-Sahm announced that there is an early bird special ending May 31, 2025 for tickets to Town Hall. Suzanne also informed those present that the Armenian Heritage Museum is located in the University of California building across the street from Fashion Fair and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Member Marsha Wagner said her daughter is fostering a senior dog who needs a new home. Member Monica Balch said she volunteers for Animal Compassion Team and has a trained small service dog and a senior dog who need adopting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on August 11, 2025,

Charlotte Zylka Singer

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB

SURVEILLANCE NOTICE

For the safety and security of our members, guests, and our beloved Clubhouse, surveillance cameras are in use throughout the property. Some areas may include audio recording capability. By entering the premises, you consent to video and audio recording. All recordings are used solely for security purposes and handled in accordance with applicable laws.

Fig Garden Woman's Club Extends a Warm Welcome to Our



2025 - 2026 NEW MEMBER CLASS!



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Fig Garden Woman's Club Board Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Desiree Ward at 9:30 a.m. Desiree thanked all of the members who worked during the summer. Desiree said today's meeting was about strategic planning, governance, and setting the September General Luncheon Meeting agenda. A quorum was present.

First Vice President: First Vice President Debbie Reuland thanked Vanda McArthur for baking the delicious cakes and Tamara Hargrave for making quiche and bringing fruit.

Approval of the Minutes: Recording Secretary Charlotte Zylka Singer informed those present that the minutes from the May 5, 2025 and June 2, 2025 Board Meetings had been provided via email from President Desiree Ward to the board members. There were no additions or corrections. Member Suzanne Crosina-Sahm made a motion to approve the May 5, 2025 minutes, and the motion was seconded by Member Sharon Garabedian. The motion was voted on, and the minutes were approved. Member Suzy Wren made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025 minutes, and the motion was seconded by Diane Hill. The motion was voted on, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported that the Club's B of A checking account, as of August 24, 2025, had a balance of \$21,196.93 and the investment accounts had a balance of \$149,696.63 for a total of \$170,893.56. Income for the period of July 1, 2025 to August 24, 2025 was \$4,140.00 and expenses were \$17,570.72 for a net negative balance of \$13,430.72. Susan further reported that income at last count from Maker's Market was \$295 and the upcoming bus trip was \$300.

Second Vice President: Second Vice President Suzy Wren thanked Member Hope Rosky and her committee for helping her organize the General Luncheon Meeting programs for the year. Members can expect Fresno Police Chief Mindy Casto in October and Sabrella Bacon who is a female veteran in November. In the Spring, will be Liz Laval from the Fresno County Historical Society and hopefully a representative from "Helping One Woman" and the President of Fresno City College. Suzy and her committee have lots of ideas but are still welcoming suggestions for speakers and possible entertainment for the December meeting.

Third Vice President: Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reported that the Club has 15 new members. New membership orientation is this Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Suzanne said all members are welcome and asked that the new members' sponsors please attend. All but one of the new members are listed in the handbook, and the four newish members from the end of last year will also be invited.

Corresponding Secretary: Corresponding Secretary Tamara Hargrave said, because Susan Simpson picked up the mail over the summer, she did not have a report.



President's Report: President Desiree Ward informed those present of the action the executive board took over the summer. First, there will be an additional \$10 fee for using a credit card to pay annual dues. This is because FGWC is charged a percentage when a credit card is processed. Second, FGWC will be hosting the September 25, 2025 San Joaquin Valley District meeting at the clubhouse. Third, the executive board agreed that the contractors who provided free and discounted materials and services on the clubhouse kitchen remodel would have their business cards published in the club's handbook. Fourth, the executive board, since the project was running under budget, agreed with the Preservation and Planning committee's request to also paint the main room during the remodeling process. Fifth, it was decided to suspend clubhouse rentals indefinitely. The board will consider requests to use the clubhouse for memorial services.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Federation Report: Member Kim Gould reported that she and Member Riley Gould attended the National Federation of Women's Clubs International Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in June of 2025. The convention was well attended, especially by smaller clubs. Kim and Riley attended workshops focusing on fundraising, leadership, community service, and membership. Next year's convention will be held June 26-30, 2025, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

District Report: CFWC San Joaquin Valley District Representative Karen Tozlian informed those present that the 2025-2026 meetings will be held in different clubhouses. On Thursday, September 25, 2025, FGWC will be hosting the first meeting. FCWC will be providing the morning coffee and treats and lunch. Members are welcome to attend, and the cost is \$35.00. Contact Karen if you wish to help with the event, organize the microphones, and put together a \$50.00 gift basket.

Preservation and Planning: Treasurer Susan Simpson reported for Chair Martha Stewart and said that the remodelling work was completed on time and was \$2,500.00 under budget. Cash on hand and \$8,800 (which was 15% of last year's profits and would have been deposited in the Building Maintenance Fund) were used to fund the project. Therefore, no money was removed from savings. Susan thanked Member Joyce Gaskins who acted as designer and general contractor and Chair Martha Stewart for their hard work managing the project.

Clubhouse: Co-Chair Irene Wiegand said that the clubhouse is in good shape. Irene reported that Housekeeper Teresa will be used after luncheon meetings and special events. Deeper cleaning occurs twice a year. Irene will act as the liaison between members and the housekeeper, and First Vice President Debbie Reuland will act as liaison between members and Custodian Gilberto.

Supplies: Chair Allison Alexander said to text her if any supplies are low.

Grounds: Chair Dolores O'Neal was not present and so there wasn't a report.



Social Media and Website: Member Charlotte Zylka Singer reported for Chair Barb Moen and said that as of July 31, 2025, Facebook Likes were 781 (down one), Facebook Followers were 1,230 (up two), Instagram Followers were 491 (up three), and Website Member Resources were 82 (down six due to year-end resignations).

Amenities: Co-Chair Karen Tozlian informed those present that the committee will have their first meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at 11 a.m., and the focus of the committee will be on members' health, well being, and support.

Memorial Building Fund: Chair Kim Gould reported that donations received in honor of Mary Vaughan and on behalf of six members who passed away this year have been deposited by Treasurer Susan Simpson in the Memorial Building Fund. KIm also reported that thank you notes have been sent to the donors and six name plates have been placed in the Book of Remembrance.

Scholarship: Chair Pamela Vogel told those in attendance that the committee had completed its work in May. Twelve nursing students (ten women and two men) were chosen, and they received \$1,000 scholarships in August. President Desiree Ward and Member Sharon Garabedian will attend the award banquet this Friday, August 29.

Fig Leaf: Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reminded everyone that the last day of the month is the deadline for entries to the Fig Leaf. Entries must be in the form of a word document.

WAYS AND MEANS:

Handbook Advertisements: Handbook Chair Lillian Macias Weiland reported for Chair Cindy Shipstead. Lillian thanked members who arranged for or bought advertisements in the handbook and said \$1,200 was made from advertisement sales.

Maker's Market: President Desiree Ward reported for Chair Nancee Smith and said that the market will be held on Saturday, October 11 and spaces have already sold out.

Trash to Treasure: Co-Chair Kim Garcia informed those present that the next drop off day will be held on September 5, 2025, from 9-11 a.m., and there will be two more with dates to be announced. Volunteers are needed. Kim also reported furniture donations must fit in a car, clothing must be gently used and clean, and only boutique shoes will be accepted. If a member finds something she wants, the item may be marked with her name and will be available for purchase after it has been priced.

Trash to Treasure Lunches: Trash to Treasure Co-Chair Kim Garcia announced for Chair Lori Hamada that signups for helping with lunches will be circulated at the September and October General Luncheon Meetings.



Trash to Treasure Pre-Party: Co-Chair Irene Wiegand reported that the event will be on Wednesday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. The jewelry and boutique areas will be open for sales.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Community Impact Committee: Chair Libby Borchardt announced that the Federation's National Day of Service is September 27, 2025. FGWC plans on assisting "Breaking The Chains" with their rummage sale. The sale will be held at the Refinery Church located at Marks and McKinley. Six to eight volunteers are needed to cover set up, manning booths and cash registers, and tear down. Shifts will be from 6 to-9 a.m., 9 a.m. to Noon, and Noon to 2 p.m. Libby has a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Lions Clubs Glasses: Chair Tamara Hargrave reported that the committee is collecting prescription and reader eye glasses to be shipped to countries without good health care. Due to cleansing issues, glass cases are not being solicited. There will be a collection box at the clubhouse.

Little Free Library: No report

Penny Pines: Member Vanda McArthur for Chair Barb Moen gave those in attendance a brief history of the project and said that \$68 will plant ten acres with seedlings. Should the Club donate \$680 or more, it will be recognized with a plaque and individual donors of \$68 or more shall receive a thank you note. Donations are to be made by check to FCWC.

Transportation Volunteers: President Desiree Ward reported that the names of members who volunteered to give rides to club meetings and events are published in the handbook. Drivers, please make sure you and your vehicle can handle members' walkers and wheelchairs. Riders who are in need of transportation, please make a reservation with a driver.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Handbook: Chair Lillian Weigand said handbooks are available for pick up from her, Pam Vogel, or Karen Tozlian. Lillian also thanked Member Pamela Vogel and the proofreading team for their hard work. Updates and changes may be made to the online version by contacting Member Suzanne Crosina-Sahm and copying Lillian and Pam.

E-Blasts: Chair Annie Anderson reminded those at the meeting that articles submitted for publishing must be in a word document and first be approved by the President Desiree Ward. Desiree thanked Annie for being available even while on summer vacation in Scotland.

Telephone: Chair Marsha Wagner reported that there are 26 on the committee with 191 members to be contacted. The committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, following the general luncheon meeting. Marsha advised the committee members to contact those on their lists and find

out how they wish to be contacted (eg., text, phone call, etc.). Committee members are to check with their assigned members and find out if they are coming to the luncheon meeting, need transportation, and whether or not they would prefer a vegetarian meal. Marsha also said that she needs to know the number of those attending the general luncheon meetings no later than Thursday before the scheduled meeting.

Guestbook and Fees: First Vice President Debbie Reuland for Chair Donna Strickler informed those present that guest lunches are \$25, and there will be no guests at the September General Luncheon Meeting. Check in with Donna at the meeting. Leftover lunches will cost \$15.

Get Acquainted Coffee: Co-Chair Marsha Wagner announced that the first coffee will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Member Teresa Kirkorian's home.

Collect and Pledge: There are several chairs this year. Please advise President Desiree Ward ahead of time who is presenting at the general luncheon meeting. Inspiration will be featuring Member Bobbie Kirk. Bits of club history will be researched by Member Susan Pappas and presented by Member Libby Borchardt.

Harvest Cocktail Party: Third Vice President Suzanne Crosina-Sahm reported that the cocktail party will be on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, and that the new members will be organizing the event.

SECTIONS:

Out to Lunch Bunch: President Desiree Ward thanked Chair Sue Stephens for organizing the many fun lunches over the summer. The next out to lunch event will be this Wednesday, August 25, at the Spaghetti Factory. On Sunday, September 21, the event will be at the Fort Washington Country Club.

Health and Wellness: Chair Hope Rosky announced that the section will meet the first Wednesday of each month, with the first meeting Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The plan is to do chair exercises and build better balance. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. If needed, bring a cushion for the chair exercises. To participate, you will need to sign a liability release waiver, which is available at the meeting. Once the weather turns cooler, there will also be walks. Throughout the year, special guests will come to talk about health related topics. Please RSVP to Hope.

BookTalk: Chair Margaret Nordstrom reminded members that the section meets every third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to talk about books members have read. Refreshments will be available.

Knitting and Needles: Chair Vanda McArthur said that the section will be meeting every third Monday at 10 a.m. Bring any craft project involving thread and enjoy the camaraderie and assistance if needed from others.



Marathon Bridge: Chair Mary Ann Hendrickson was not present and so there was no report. Meetings are at the clubhouse every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Movie Review: Member Annie Anderson announced for Chair Becky Morlock that the section meets every second Friday at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse. On Friday, September 12, the movie "Thief" will be reviewed. Thief was directed by Michael Mann and stars James Caan. Movies streamed through Kanopy are generally free.

Tea Time: Chair Kim Gould stated that meetings are held every third Wednesday at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be on September 17, 2025. Members are invited to come and talk about all things related to tea.

New Business/30 Second Announcements:

President Desiree Ward announced that, on Thursday, September 18 2025, at 10 a.m., there will be a free docent-led tour of Fresno Art Museum. FAM is featuring an exhibit "Art of the Word: The Simply Magnificent Art of Ashley Spires." RSVP to Debbie Reuland at deb.reuland@gmail.com (559) 903-3976.

Charlotte Hirasuna announced that the club is planning a bus trip, on Saturday, November 8, 2025, to Westfield Valley Fair in San Jose. Meet that morning at 6:45 a.m. at the clubhouse and return by 8 p.m. Guests are welcome. The per person cost is \$60, payable by cash or check, and includes the driver's tip and cocktails on the way home. Please make out checks to FGWC and RSVP no later than October 17, 2025. There will be no refunds, and the attendance maximum is 40. Contact Charlotte to volunteer to bring refreshments.

At this point in time, it appears that Christmas Tree Lane Walk Nights have been cancelled this December.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, General Luncheon Meeting Monday, October 6, 2025, Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on August 31, 2025

Charlotte Zylka Singer

Recording Secretary

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB



Health & Wellness

Hope Rosky, chair



Please join me as I begins the FGWC Health & Wellness program on the first Wednesday of the month from September 2025 -May 2026. The first session will be Wednesday, September 3rd, from 9:30-10:30. Please dress comfortably, wear sneakers, and bring water as chair exercises and balance work will be a part of the monthly program. Once the weather cools down, we hope to add a Wednesday Walk.

In addition to our exercise portion, there will be a monthly guest speaker(s). Our first guest will be vitamin /supplement specialists from B-Alive Vitamins who will discuss the various vitamins and supplements that can help toward a healthier lifestyle.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Hope Rosky at hopelfaith1@gmail.com only if you plan to attend the first class.(no regrets necessary).

I hope to see you on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30 at the FGWC

*Please note, in order to participate in the exercise portion, a waiver will be signed to release Fig Garden Woman's Club and Hope Rosky from any liabilities if an injury/accident occurs.

Cinema Group

Becky Morlock, chair

Please join us on Friday, September 12 at 10 a.m. at the library in the clubhouse for this month's film discussion.

Film: Thief Year: 1981

Cast: James Caan, Tuesday Weld, Jim Belushi, Robert Prosky

Director: Michael Mann

Genre: Heist, Tragedy, Action, Crime

Synopsis: After years in prison, ace safe-cracker Frank owns a car dealership and a cocktail lounge, which are fronts for high-stakes jewelry heists. He wants to complete one last big heist for the Mob before he goes straight.

Please see the film and bring your questions and comments to the discussion. We meet throughout the summer, the second Friday of each month.





Brunch - Quiche Lorraine, salad, fruit; mini muffins on table

October

Potsticker appetizer, orange chicken, fried rice, stir fry veggies

NovemberTraditional turkey meal

December

Ham with grilled pineapple ring, scalloped potatoes, garlic greenbeans

January

Tomato soup starter, penne pasta primavera w/ grilled chicken

February

Mediterranean salad, Mediterranean bowl with grilled chicken, pilaf, grilled vegetables, served with a knotted roll

*March*Corned beef & cabbage

April

Bruschetta appetizer, Italian chicken wrap, angel hair pasta salad, and fruit

May

Mesclun walnut steak salad

NO MEETINGS JUNE, JULY, AUGUST



ART OF THE WORD The Simply Magnificent Art of Ashley Spires









Each year, the Fresno Art Museum thoughtfully curates an exhibit showcasing the work of acclaimed illustrators who bring stories to life through their art. Thanks to a community benefit contribution from our club, the Fresno Art Museum proudly presents this beloved tradition again this year featuring:

Art of the Word: The Simply Magnificent Art of Ashley Spires

In gratitude to Fig Garden Woman's Club, the Fresno Art Museum is extending a warm thank you to our members with an exclusive, docent-led tour.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10A.M

Enjoy a morning of inspiration and creativity with your fellow club members as we explore the whimsical and inspiring work of Ashley Spires, whose illustrations have captured the hearts of children and families everywhere. This enriching experience reflects our club's ongoing dedication to education, community engagement, and the celebration of the arts.

Amenities

Karen Tozlian & Kim Garcia, Co-Chairs



The Amenities Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 11 a.m. in the library, prior to the General Meeting. Committee members will have the opportunity to select areas of committee service and receive a packet of birthday cards to complete and return at the October 8 general meeting.

Clubhouse Remodel

Joyce Gaskins, Chair

On behalf of Fig Garden Woman's Club, we thank the following professionals for their labor and contributions to our recent clubhouse remodel project. Looking forward to celebrating our next 100

vears!

Electrical - Jack's Electrical and Lamps Plus

Plumbing - Plumber John's Plumbing & Drain Cleaning

Counter Tops - Dave's Custom Woodworking

Carpentry - Richard Jones, General Contractor

Dry Wall - Torres & Torres Plastering

Flooring - Valley Remnants & Rolls

Paint - Diamond Faux & Painting

Fixtures - Ferguson

Hardware - Studio Belmont

Drapery - Not Just Curtains

Construction Clean Up - Diamond Maids LLC

And Last But Not Least...Gilberto Orozco, Our Friend Always on Call!



Bus Trip

Charlotte Hirasuna, Chair

Who wants to go shopping! Join us for a fun-filled bus trip to Westfield Valley Fair and Santana Row in San Jose on **Saturday, November 8**! The bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. Your \$60 fare (cash

or check only—no credit cards) includes the round-trip bus ride, morning snack, an onboard "Happy Hour" on the way home, and the driver's tip.

Space is limited to just 40 passengers, so don't wait! Payment is required at the time of reservation, and please note there are no refunds. Guests are welcome, but the sign-up deadline is October 17.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at (559) 908-7795.



Penny Pines

Barb Moen, Chair

Penny Pines is a Federation sanctioned environmental project that began last year for the Fig Garden Woman's Club. It was started in 1941 by the San Francisco Sports-Women's Association, recognizing the need to restore devastated areas in our National forests.



Why is the Penny Pines donation \$68

At the start of the program in 1941 seedlings could be purchased for approximately one cent each. About 680 seedlings were used to plant an acre. For \$68, seedlings for ten acres could be purchased. The program was so successful that money contributed to purchase seedlings soon far exceeded funds available for site preparation and for the actual planting job.

In 1964, the agreement was rewritten to provide that funds contributed under the Penny Pines program be used for reforestation, rather than solely for purchasing seedlings.

The Penny Pines Reforestation Program plays a vital role in renewing California's national forests while supporting responsible multiple-use management. Our contributions specifically benefit the Sierra National Forest. Since the Sierra National Forest oversees replanting efforts, it will determine whether donations are directed toward recovery from the Creek Fire near Shaver Lake or another wildfire-impacted area.

If the club donates \$680 or more, Fig Garden Woman's Club will be recognized with a plaque at the awards ceremony. When a club member makes a donation of \$68 or more (which will fund planting ten acres of trees), the member, honoree if there is one, and the club will be recognized and sent a thank you. Donations are to be made to the FGWC.

How to Donate

At both our board and luncheon meetings, we'll be passing around the donation fish bowl to support the Penny Pines Program. We encourage everyone to drop in their spare change—it really adds up! Last year, thanks to your generosity, we raised a total of \$800. That amount included five member donations of \$68 each, with the rest coming from the change and dollars collected at our meetings.



National Day of Service - September 27

Libby Borchardt, Chair

September 27 is the Federation's National Day of Service. Their philanthropy is women in domestic violence. As a club, we decided to participate in this service day with one of our local organizations. Therefore, we reached out to Breaking the Chains' and they have asked us to help at their annual rummage sale. This wonderful organization helps women who have been impacted by human trafficking.

They are asking for 10-12 members volunteer to set up tables, man the booths, cashiers, and help with tear down of booths. Karen Tozlian will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting.

Thank you!



Your sympathy cards, notes, and messages were a reminder of the love and support around me. Thank you for thinking of me.

Warmly, Barb Moen

Trash to Treasure Drop-offs

Ellen Vietti & Kim Garcia, Co-Chairs

It's that time again—Trash to Treasure donation drop-offs are underway! Thank you to all who continue to support this annual event. If you'd like to lend a hand, we'd love the help. Having four to five volunteers at each drop-off makes the process go smoothly.

Upcoming Drop-Off Dates (9–11 AM) are September 5, September 19, and October 3.

To make unloading easier, please label your bags and boxes by department before dropping them off. Thank you!



Federation Report

Karen Tozlian, District Representative

The Joaquin Valley District will meet four times in 2025-26. The meetings will not be held in Tulare, but at different Valley club houses (Coalinga, Bakersfield, and Shafter).

The Fig Garden Woman's Club will host the first meeting on Thursday, September 25. The meeting is open to club members with a prepaid \$35 advanced registration.

Our responsibilities will include opening the clubhouse, setting up tables and chairs, providing morning coffee/pastries, lunch, and a \$50 gift basket.

The Fig Leaf

Suzanne Crosina-Sahm, Editor

Thank you to everyone who submitted Fig Leaf content and reports early—it makes a huge difference in helping me pull the newsletter together during my available time.

A quick reminder: the deadline is always the last day of the month. Please send your information in an unformatted Word document. This saves me from re-typing, reduces errors, and makes the process much easier.

Thank you!





The Fig Garden Woman's Club is honored to host the California Federation of Women's Club's San Joaquin Valley District Meeting in our clubhouse on Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 pm.

We warmly invite all members to attend this special event, enjoy morning refreshments, a lovely catered lunch, and take part in the opportunity to:

- See firsthand what happens at the district level
- Connect with members from other Valley clubs
- · Represent FGWC as the hosting club

If you would like to attend, please print and complete the Attendee Registration Form on the next page and mail it with your check (made payable to SJVD) to the address listed on the form.

Kindly send your registration by September 15th.

We hope you will join us for this exciting day!





San Joaquin Valley District



Attendee Registration Form
District Meeting: September 25, 2025
Fig Garden Woman's Club
4550 N. Van Ness Blvd. – Fresno Ca.
Registration: 9:30am - Meeting: 10 am

Please complete this form for each member who will be attending the September 25, 2025 District Meeting

Name:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Title/Position:	Club:
1 st Timer to a SJVD mee	ting: YesNo:
Lunch at this meeting w	vill be a buffet – see attached menu
Please indicate: Medi	cal dietary restrictions – food allergies, gluten free, etc.
Please complete this	form and mail along with your check to: 2.O. Box 1228, Angels Camp, Ca. 93522 – to be received

Registration at the door day of the meeting - \$40.00

Prior to September 15, 2025.

Registration fee: \$35.00 - includes - lunch and meeting



2025-2026 Handbooks

Lillian Macias Weiland, Chair

The 2025-2026 Handbooks Will Be Distributed at September's Meeting. It's always an exciting moment when our new handbooks arrive! This year's edition includes several updates, and we hope you'll enjoy the changes.

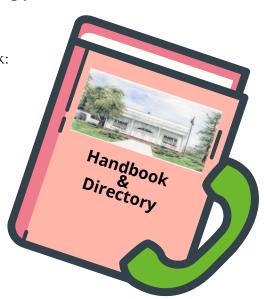
Member Information Updates

If your contact information is incorrect or has changed, please email your updated details to Lillian Macias Weiland so the online handbook can be revised accordingly.

Additional Members

Please add the following members to Page 44 of your handbook:

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 c/o Oakmont of Fresno
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 bebefrank1@yahoo.com



Handbook Pick-Up

- If you are collecting a handbook on behalf of another member, please sign the green forms provided.
- You do not need to sign when picking up your own handbook.

Special Thanks

A heartfelt thank-you to Karen Tozlian for delivering handbooks to our homebound members, and to both Karen Tozlian and Sharon Garabedian for assisting with distribution while Lillian is away.



Out to Lunch Bunch

Sue Stephens, Chair

Please join us for brunch at Fort Washington Country Club on Sunday, September 21st. What a wonderful way to get to know your fellow club members and end the Out to Lunch Bunch season!

RSVP to Sue Stephens at 431-0528.

FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS



Join us outside on the grounds of our historic clubhouse to kick off your holiday shopping

Saturday, October 11 9 am - 3 pm

Fig Garden Woman's Club 4550 N. Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93704

SHOP HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FROM 44 VENDORS!

Jewelry
Holiday crafts & gifts
Vintage tableware
Doggy treats
Jellies and honey
Handbags & totes
Evil Eyes
Wreaths
Succulents
Crocheted items
Fluid art

Original art
Handcrafted textiles
Wood items
Journals
Soaps & lotions
Baked goods
Mediterranean food
Pottery
Bedazzled pens
Wands

AND FOOD TRUCKS!



Our Club Website at Your Fingertips

Barb Moen, Website and Social Media Chair

The most up-to-date FGWC Handbook and Events Calendar are always available on our website in the "Member Resources" Section. **Both are updated as changes occur.** The section contains our handbook, new members, the Fig Leaf, and our current calendar.

To access the Handbook log on to our website at: figgardenwomansclub.org

Then select: Member Resources

Then select: Handbook



To access the Events Calendar log on to our website at: figgardenwomansclub.org

Then select: Member Resources Then select: Events Calendar



To access to the *Member Resources* section, you must be registered on the website. To register, log on to our website: figgardenwomansclub.org then select: Register (in the upper righthand corner).

After you have completed the form, you will receive an email stating that you now have access to the *Member Resources section*. For security purposes, only FGWC members are given access to this information.





Our Club Website at Your Fingertips, continued

PHONE OR TABLET ACCESS

For new members who would like to add the FGWC icon on your phone or tablet for easy access, below are step-by-step instructions on how to do so.

For those of you with Apple IOS devices:

- 1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's or iPad's internet browser.
- 2. At the bottom of the page you see a square with arrow pointing up. Click on it.
- 3. Click on "Add to Home Screen".

That's it! You're done. Just click on the icon whenever you want to check the webpage.





For those of you with Android devices:

- 1. Bring up the FGWC website on your phone's internet browser.
- 2. Touch the apps icon to display the apps drawer.
- 3. Long press the app icon you want to add to your home screen
- 4. Drag the app to the home screen page, lifting your finger to place the app

Please contact Barb Moen if you have any questions or need help. 559-285-2933 or bcmoen@yahoo.com



September 2025 Amenities Report for

June, July, & August 2025 Activities
Chairs: Kim Garcia & Karen Tozlian

Over the summer months, June, July, and August, the following cards were mailed to members:

42 Birthday Cards
1 Thinking of You Card
2 Get Well Card
4 Sympathy Cards

